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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Sergey A. Selifonov

Application No.: 09/539,486

Filed: March 30, 2000

For: METHODS FOR MAKING  
CHARACTER STRINGS,  
POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES  
HAVING DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS

Examiner: Zhou S.

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 15, 2001**, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for **3** months, extending the period for response through the present date;
- 2) A transmittal letter; and,
- 3) A receipt indication postcard.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the specification and claims as follows, without prejudice to subsequent renewal.

**In the Specification.**

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 5 and ending at page 9, line 13 and substitute therefor the following new paragraph: